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Homeland Defense Update

More than 8,000 National Guard soldiers and airmen available in Wisconsin

Even with recent mobilizations, the Wisconsin National Guard currently has 8,025 soldiers and airmen available to provide effective military capability on short notice anywhere in Wisconsin.

The Wisconsin Guard has been actively involved in the global war on terror since the morning of September 11, 2001. Since that time, about 50 percent of the Guard's soldiers and airmen have served on active duty either at home or overseas. Most of these 4,900 soldiers and airmen have completed their active duty missions and are back in Wisconsin serving with their Army and Air National Guard units.

Wisconsin's available resources include the National Guard's 500-soldier Rapid Reaction Force, which is capable of responding with an initial force of 125 soldiers on short notice anywhere in Wisconsin, and 375 additional soldiers available within 24 hours to sustain operations as long as required.

Of the Wisconsin National Guard's approximately 9,900 members, there are about 1,770 serving on active duty. Among those, approximately 480 are currently deployed overseas and another 980 are completing preparations for overseas deployment.

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